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Florida House Approves Two Veto Overrides

Tallahassee, Fla. – The Florida House of Representatives today approved the veto override of House Bills 1207 and 7103.

The first measure, House Bill 1207 increases transparency in the elections process by permitting the optional establishment of and setting reporting requirements for Affiliated Party Committees.

"Under the current system there is no way for the public or the press to see how much money has been raised for political parties, specifically by legislators, or what interests have raised that money," said Representative Seth McKeel, chairman of the State Affairs Committee. "House Bill 1207 increases the level of transparency by making contributions to Affiliated Party Committees for House and Senate Campaigns separate from the main political party and accessible online by the public and the press."

The second measure, House Bill 7103, prohibits counties from imposing a fee for stormwater management on agricultural land if the operation meets specified requirements.

"House Bill 7103 delivers tax relief to our state's agricultural industry by barring counties from placing a fee for stormwater management on agricultural businesses and in some circumstances prevents counties from enforcing unnecessary regulations on agricultural land," said Representative McKeel.

House Bills 1207 & 7103 were passed by the Florida Legislature during the regular 2010 Legislative Session, but were vetoed by then Governor Charlie Crist. House Speaker Dean Cannon recently outlined a process by which bills available for veto override may be considered during the regular 2011 Legislative Session. He directed committee chairman to evaluate the potential veto overrides in their respective committees. The House will take up any override formally recommended by a committee.

Legislation vetoed by the Governor can be considered for a potential veto override until the conclusion of the next regular legislative session. For a list of other vetoed bills available for override, please visit the announcements section of the <u>Florida House of Representatives</u> website.